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March 1st, Belize marked the start of Women's Month 2026 with a historic display of unity and strength as 650 uniformed women from our security forces marched through the streets of Belize City. This landmark event not only celebrated the contributions of women in national security but also reflected broader efforts by the administration of Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño to expand opportunities for women in leadership, public service, and entrepreneurship.

The Women's Law Enforcement March brought together officers from the Police Department (530), the Belize Defence Force (BDF) (70), and the Belize Coast Guard (50) in an unprecedented show of solidarity. For many observers, the event symbolized the transformation taking place across Belize's institutions, where women are increasingly occupying positions of authority and influence.

Presiding over the ceremony, Governor General, Dame Froyla Tzalam, praised the women for their dedication to service and national security, while acknowledging that the journey toward equality continues.

"There is no doubt that there have been improvements for women, but major obstacles remain to exercising our full rights," Tzalam said. "The persistence of violence against us, limited social and political

participation, and barriers in the labor market are challenges we must continue to confront."

Across government ministries and public institutions, women now occupy senior leadership positions, including chief executive officers and departmental heads. The Briceño administration has also emphasized expanding training, mentorship, and finan-



cial support programs aimed at encouraging women to start and grow businesses.

Through various national initiatives, women entrepreneurs are being provided access to skills development, leadership training, and financial assistance to strengthen female-led enterprises across sectors such as tourism, agriculture, and small business services. These efforts are part of a broader strategy to ensure women participate fully in economic growth and decision-making.

Within the security forces, women are also making significant strides. Commissioner of Police, Dr. Richard Rosado, said, "I am happy to say that the Belize Police Department has a total strength of 2,451 officers, and out of those, 817 are females, so approximately thirty-three percent of our strength are females." Com-

pol Rosado continued, "In terms of supervision, we actually have a higher percentage of women supervisors compared to men."

The Belize Defence Force has similarly integrated women into strategic roles, reflecting a growing commitment to gender inclusion within national security operations.

Brigadier General Anthony Velasquez, Commander of the Belize Defence Force, "Under the leadership of the Ministry of Defense and Border Security, we have moved from commitment to action in implementing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda," Velasquez said. "We have deliberately integrated women and gender perspectives into policy development, operational planning, recruitment, and leadership."

Admiral Gregory Soberanis, Commandant of the Belize Coast Guard, described the march as a clear signal of Belize's commitment to recognizing women's contributions to national safety.

"Our gathering today is a testament that Belize is serious about women in our security forces—women who protect this nation and women who lead in the

initiative of safety and security," Soberanis said.

Deputy Commissioner Sandra Bowden, BPD, said, "It is very essential for the country and the world to know that we as women play a vital role in the security of our country." Bowden went on, "When we celebrate together and participate together, we are stronger."

As Belize celebrates Women's Month, the historic march stands as a powerful reminder that women are not only contributing to national development—they are helping to lead it.



Happy Women's Month



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..Together, let us balance the scales ..  
by championing fairness, amplifying women's voices, and ensuring equal opportunities in every space where decisions are made.

From the National Executive of  
The United Women's Group PUP

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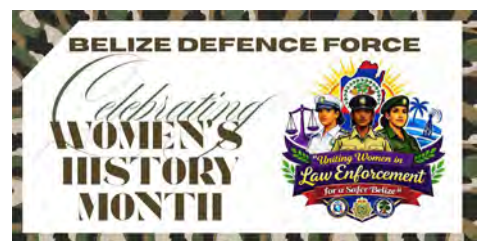
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EDITORIAL*en Español***Atención Sanitaria, Seis Años Después del 11 de marzo de 2020**

El 11 de marzo de 2020, la Organización Mundial de la Salud declaró que el mundo se enfrentaba a una pandemia de coronavirus. En Belice, las escuelas cerraron el 20 de marzo y el país registró su primer caso de COVID-19 el 23 de marzo. Con el mundo bajo una amenaza existencial, el país aplicó medidas de confinamiento extremadamente estrictas a partir del 1 de abril, incluido el cierre de las fronteras a la inmigración, incluso para los ciudadanos beliceños. En Estados Unidos, el 14 de marzo, los cruceros atracaron y las aerolíneas quedaron prácticamente inmovilizadas y definitivamente excluidas de Belice. El turismo se desplomó hasta cero. El nuevo coronavirus puso sin piedad al descubierto la incompetencia del gobierno del UDP, que negaba la recesión. El Gobierno de Barrow, que había estado «revolcándose» en los fondos de PetroCaribe y en los ingresos del petróleo, quedó al descubierto como un despilfarrador criminal. El UDP había sido deshonesto con el país y Barrow no tenía forma de salir airoso de esta situación. Las históricas conferencias de prensa bipartidistas en las que se anunciaron los cierres y las ayudas alimentarias debido a las insostenibles cifras de desempleo se celebraron sin la presencia del Ministerio de Salud del UDP. La historia ha registrado que el UDP cerró el NHI y otros servicios porque no tenía ni idea de cómo proceder. Para ser justos, el coronavirus era nuevo y el mundo estaba inseguro. Pero Belice estaba prácticamente en bancarrota y envió a los trabajadores del turismo a casa antes de que se anunciara la pandemia. Es comprensible que Belice ya no tenga un sector turístico, pero no tener un sistema sanitario que pudiera combatir siquiera marginalmente el coronavirus fue imperdonable, y el pueblo nunca lo olvidará.

A finales de 2020 llegó el Gobierno de planBelice. Su lucha principal era contra los estragos del coronavirus y, al igual que el resto del mundo, teníamos que hacer frente a ellos mientras esperábamos la vacuna. Y la vacuna llegó en un tiempo récord, pero después de que murieran cientos de personas en Belice. Lo que el PUP encontró en la economía beliceña fue exactamente lo mismo que en los hospitales. El sistema sanitario estaba colapsado, los suministros eran prácticamente inexistentes y la población no tenía acceso a la atención sanitaria. La corrupción estaba arraigada en la adquisición de suministros, por lo que el sistema era inútil una vez que el nuevo Gobierno asumió el poder. La historia de los kits de pruebas rechazados ofrecidos por la SICA puso de manifiesto la corrupción hasta la médula del UDP. Al parecer, el Gobierno del UDP se dio cuenta de que no había nada que ganar con una donación de kits de pruebas gratuitos, por lo que la rechazó. La compra de kits de pruebas significaba que Belice tendría que esperar más tiempo. Este periodo de espera cuesta vidas humanas.

Hoy en día, la asistencia sanitaria está a años luz de la de noviembre de 2020. Los principales hospitales ofrecen servicios gratuitos y el Seguro Nacional de Salud (NHI) está financiado por Boledo, que en dos años habrá aportado unos 40 millones; compárese con los diez años de la empresa de Brad, que se estima que ha obtenido unos beneficios de 150 millones, sin destinar nada a obras benéficas. Hoy en día, Boledo devuelve el 70 % de las ganancias a los jugadores. Estos jugadores también saben que sus números de la Seguridad Social (SS) se suman a sus ingresos, ya que les proporcionan acceso a la asistencia sanitaria para ellos y sus familias. Por ejemplo, un paquete básico de servicios de asistencia sanitaria del NHI puede incluir el diagnóstico y tratamiento de la hipertensión, la diabetes, el asma, el VIH/SIDA, el seguimiento prenatal y posnatal, el tratamiento de la tuberculosis, el tratamiento de enfermedades agudas, la detección del cáncer de mama, de cuello uterino y de próstata, y la vigilancia epidemiológica. Se incluyeron los siguientes servicios especializados: oftalmología, incluidos exámenes oculares para diabéticos, cirugía láser para diabéticos, cirugía de cataratas y gafas para niños en edad escolar, así como partos en la región sur. Por ejemplo, desde 2020, los servicios oftalmológicos del NHI han realizado más de 1000 cirugías de cataratas y 735 cirugías láser de retinopatía, lo que ha ayudado a los pacientes diabéticos a recuperar la visión y a prevenir su pérdida. En diciembre de 2024, 342 000 personas en todo el país tenían una tarjeta SS válida y podían inscribirse en el NHI. En la actualidad, 214 000 personas se han inscrito en el NHI y son usuarios activos de sus servicios. En el distrito de Orange Walk, 45 000 personas tenían tarjetas SS y más de 34 000 usuarios registrados ahora están activos en el NHI. El distrito de Cayo cuenta con más de 80 000 habitantes con tarjeta SS válida y con ellos se habrá implementado el NHI en todo el país. ¡Qué diferencia han supuesto estos seis años!

Algunos de los resultados intermedios positivos del NHI son el aumento del acceso a los servicios de atención primaria de salud para la población elegible, la reducción de los gastos de bolsillo de los usuarios al acceder a los servicios clave cubiertos, el aumento de la calidad en la prestación de los servicios, como lo demuestran los resultados de las auditorías y los informes de seguimiento del cumplimiento, y el aumento del acceso a servicios de detección específicos. La demanda de atención de calidad por parte de los beliceños es alta; por lo tanto, el NHI pretende adquirir los siguientes servicios, que serán prestados por las clínicas: servicios de medicina general y enfermería; consultas generales; cirugía menor que pueda realizarse en una clínica de medicina general; atención pediátrica; obstetricia; y salud materno-infantil.

Los proveedores de atención primaria también prestarán asistencia en los siguientes programas: detección, seguimiento y tratamiento de pacientes con hipertensión y diabetes (tipo 1 y 2); infecciones respiratorias agudas; control y gestión de enfermedades diarreicas; detección, seguimiento y tratamiento de infecciones de transmisión sexual; detección y cribado del VIH/SIDA; planificación familiar, asesoramiento y servicios; detección precoz y cribado del cáncer de cuello uterino (para mujeres de 19 años o más); Detección precoz del cáncer de mama (para mujeres de 40 años o más); Detección precoz y cribado del cáncer de próstata (para hombres de 50 años o más) y Detección de la tuberculosis. Poco se sabe que el NHI ofrece exámenes oculares gratuitos a todos los niños de entre 4 y 19 años y, si es necesario, gafas graduadas.

Lo anterior ni siquiera menciona los dos grandes hospitales que se están construyendo. Se puede hacer mucho más y el programa del NHI se está ampliando activamente. Los 24 principales proveedores de todo el país, además de las farmacias, los laboratorios, los centros de diagnóstico por imagen y los proveedores de oftalmología, hacen del NHI un sólido proveedor de atención sanitaria, ya que los beliceños no se merecen menos, sino más. El NHI en 2026 ofrece un acceso cada vez mayor a todos los beliceños, en consonancia con su derecho humano a una mejor calidad de vida. ¡Qué diferencia suponen seis años con el PUP, el planBelice y la administración Briceño! ¡El pueblo es el ganador por alcanzar y acceder a la atención sanitaria, como es su derecho!

**Health Care, 6 Years After March 11, 2020**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organisation declared that the world was facing a health pandemic caused by a novel coronavirus. In Belize, schools were shut down by March 20, and the country registered its first Covid-19 case by March 23. With the world under existential threat, the country went on extremely strict lockdown measures by April 1, including a border shutdown for immigration, including for Belizean nationals. In the US, on March 14, cruise ships docked, and airlines were basically grounded and definitely excluded from Belize. Tourism plummeted to zero. The novel coronavirus mercilessly exposed the UDP government's recession-denying incompetence. The Barrow government, which had been "rolling" in PetroCaribe Funds and Oil Revenues, was exposed as criminally wasteful. The UDP had been dishonest to the country, and there was no way Barrow could dance out of this one. The historic bi-partisan Press Conferences announcing the Lockdowns and Pantry and Aid due to the unsustainable unemployment numbers were devoid of the UDP Ministry of Health. History has recorded that the UDP shut down NHI and other services as they were clueless on how to proceed. To be fair, the coronavirus was novel, and the world was unsure. But Belize was virtually bankrupt and sending Tourism workers home before the pandemic was announced. Belize not having a tourism sector anymore is understandable, but not having a health system to even marginally beat the coronavirus was unforgivable, and the people will never forget.

In came the planBelize government at the end of 2020. Its key fight was against the ravages of the coronavirus, and, like the world, we had to manage it while we waited for the vaccine. And the vaccine did come in record time, but after hundreds have passed in Belize. What the PUP found in the Belizean economy was exactly what was found in Hospitals. The healthcare system was broken, with supplies practically non-existent, and the people had basically no access to healthcare. Corruption was ingrained in the procurement of supplies, and thus, the system was useless once the new government took office. The story of rejected testing kits offered by SICA signalled a UDP corrupt to the core. Apparently, the UDP government realised there was no hustling in a donation of free testing kits, so they rejected it. Buying testing kits meant that Belize would have to wait longer. This waiting period costs people's lives.

Today, health care is worlds away from November 2020. The leading hospitals offer free services, and the National Health Insurance (NHI) is funded by Boledo, which, in two years, will have contributed some 40 million; compare that to ten years of Brad's company, which is estimated to have profited about 150 million, with zero for charity. Today, Boledo gives back 70% of the winnings to the players. These players also know that their Social Security (SS) numbers add to their winnings by providing access to health care for themselves and their families. For example, a basic package of health care NHI services may include the diagnosis and management of hypertension, diabetes, Asthma, HIV/AIDS, prenatal and postnatal monitoring, treatment of TB, management of acute illnesses, screening for Breast, cervical, and prostate cancer, and epidemiological surveillance. The following specialist services were included: Ophthalmology, including diabetic eye exams, diabetic laser surgery, cataract surgery, and glasses for school-age children, as well as deliveries in the Southern Region. For example, since 2020, NHI eye services have performed more than 1,000 cataract surgeries and 735 retinopathy laser surgeries, helping diabetic patients regain vision and prevent vision loss. In December 2024, 342,000 persons countrywide had a valid SS Card and were eligible to register for NHI. Presently, 214,000 have registered with NHI and are active users of NHI services. In the Orange Walk district, 45,000 persons had SS cards, with 34,000-plus registered now active NHI users. The Cayo district has 80,000+ and has made the NHI rollout nationwide. What a difference six years has made.

Some of the positive intermediate outcomes of NHI include Increased access to Primary Health Care Services to the eligible population, reduced out-of-pocket expenditures of users when accessing key services covered, increased quality in the delivery of services, evident by the findings of the audits and compliance monitoring reports, and increased access to specific screening services. The demand by Belizeans for quality care is high; therefore, the NHI seeks to purchase the following services, which will be provided by the clinics: General medicine and nursing services; General consultations; Minor surgery that can be carried out in a General Practitioner's clinic; Paediatric care; Obstetrics; and Maternal and Child Health.

The Primary Care Providers will also assist in the following programs: Detection, monitoring and treatment of patients with hypertension and diabetes (type 1 and 2); Acute Respiratory Infections; Control and management of diarrheal disease; Detection, monitoring and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections; Detection and screening of HIV/AIDS; Family planning, counseling and services; Early detection and screening of cervical cancer (for women 19 years and older); Early detection of breast cancer (for women 40 years and older); Early detection and screening of prostate cancer (for men 50 years and older) and Detection of Tuberculosis. Little known is that NHI provides free eye examinations to all children aged 4-19 and, if necessary, prescription glasses.

The above does not even mention two major hospitals under construction. There is much more that can be done, and the NHI program is actively expanding. The 24 major providers across the country, plus Pharmacies, Laboratories, Imaging Centres, and Ophthalmology providers, make NHI a robust care provider, as Belizeans deserve no less but more. The NHI in 2026 provides increasing access to all Belizeans, in line with their human right to a better quality of life. What a difference six years makes with a PUP, planBelize, Briceño administration. The people are the winners for reaching out and accessing the care as is their right.



# NON-REFUNDABLE Up to \$4,000 BZD Grants For Small Individual Farmers SUCCESSFUL SAIB National Outreach

With a total of 250 Farmers per District and a 1500 total target of farmers in Belize, the applications have been flying off the proverbial shelves. The outreach has been successful not only in filling the number of farmer but in educating these in the process and the manner of investing the two tranches of payment. These will be two thousand dollars each which will involve some of the following. To qualify, Farmers must be registered. (To register as a farmer and with the Ministry of Agriculture visit the Belize Agriculture Information Management System (BAIMS) at agriculture.com.bz to obtain a Farmer ID, which is required to access government assistance programs, disaster relief, and specialized support. Registration involves a farm visit by an Agriculture Officer to verify data and map the farm.) Then district extension officers will have application forms. These can be obtained online but a physical visit is always best to get details as every farmer will have a different situation.

Orange Walk Town has received its 250 applications which will now be processed as deserving of the non-refundable grant. A farm plan will be required for the small project. Many farmers are opting for irrigation systems. Deserving means that, after a diagnosis, farmers will be advised as to how the funds can best be invested. After disbursement of the possible first two thousand of the grant, the farm will be visited to verify along with receipts. Upon confirmation of money spent, the other two thousand would be disbursed. Farmers are to match at least 15 percent equity towards the project. This means that at least 600 dollars must be added to the value of a 4000-dollar project. For example, this can be in kind like labour.

Of the 1500 farmers expected to be given grants, at least 375 will be women and up to March 3 only 131 females have applied.

When farmers benefit like this, the nation benefits as they will be satisfied that they are moving up. Teaching farmers how to invest seems also like an indirect benefit of this initiative. Farmers of course have their savvy but as a whole it is always better to teach the few that have not invested lately.

**February 20, 2026 Press Release details:** The Sustainable And Inclusive Belize (SAIB) project proudly announced the launch of a targeted National Outreach Tour dedicated to supporting key pillars of Belize’s agricultural sector: **Small Individual Farmers**.

SAIB representatives travelled through the Stann Creek, Toledo, Corozal, Cayo, and Belize districts to meet up with those who feed our nation. This new outreach initiative is specifically designed to reach underserved groups, ensuring equitable access to funding. We are issuing a special call to:

## • Small Individual Farmers; Female Farmers and Female Migrant Farmers; Indigenous Farmers; Youth Farmers Unlocking Non-Refundable Financial Support

Unlike traditional loans, the SAIB program offers **non-refundable matching grants of up to \$4,000 BZD** for eligible small individual farmers. This means the funds do not need to be paid back, provided they are used for the approved agricultural improvements.

The primary goal of this tour is to get farmers started with their applications. Many small farmers miss out on funding due to complex paperwork. That’s why District Extension Officers remain available for help and guidance throughout the whole application process, ensuring small individual farmers can access these vital funds for:

- **Climate-Smart Agriculture practices:** Investments in solar irrigation, covered structures (greenhouses), and water harvesting.
- **Business Growth:** Purchasing equipment, improving post-harvest storage, and accessing new markets.

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### A Focus on Inclusion

“We are moving beyond the main towns and into the heart of our rural communities,” says Signe Caminada, Communications Manager. “Our goal is to ensure that a female migrant farmer in Cowpen or a youth farmer in San Antonio has the same access to this \$4,000 opportunity as anyone else. (release)”

SAIB is spurring interest in an excellent opportunity for local farmers, and for enthusiasm in the rural communities, as they offer tangible financial support arriving for Belizean agriculture. SAIB is a program executed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries, dedicated to fostering economic growth by supporting local farmers through accessible funding, matching grants, and expert guidance.

The following are the areas that were visited for direct outreach. A few areas are left to visit in early March.

### Deadline 15th April for application submittals

Visit [facebook.com/SustainableAndInclusiveBelize](https://facebook.com/SustainableAndInclusiveBelize) for more details on venue and date

#### Stann Creek District, February 23 – 25, 2026

Middlesex, Hummingbird Community, Steadfast; Alta Vista, Pomona, Hope Creek, Mullins River; Dangriga/Sarawee; Silk Grass, Hopkins, Maya Center; San Roman/Santa Rosa, Maya Mopan, Red Bank; Santa Cruz/Cowpen; Independence

#### Toledo District, February 26 – 28, 2026

Indian Creek; Forest Home, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Cattle Landing, Elridgeville; Blue Creek; Cerro Area; Pueblo Viejo; San Antonio; S.P Columbia

#### Corozal District, March 3 – 8, 2026

Xaibe, Chan Chen, San Andres, Patchakan Village; Buena Vista, Louisville, San Roman, San Victor, Santa Clara, San Narciso; Caledonia Village; Libertad, Concepcion Village; San Joaquin, Calcuta, Ranchito; Paraiso, Consejo; Progreso, Sarteneja, Chunox, Copper Bank; San Narciso Agriculture Trade Show

#### Cayo District, February 26 – March 10, 2026

La Gracia; Valley of Peace; 7 Miles; San Antonio; Central Farm (Bullet Tree, Santa Familia, etc); Benque Viejo Del Carmen; Las Flores; Armenia/St. Margaret

#### Belize District, March 2 – March 4, 2026

Bermudian Landing; Willows Bank; Bomba; Lucky Strike; Crooked Tree; Sand Hill.

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**COROZAL**



# Launch of Child Stimulation Month

## "Early Childhood Education: Start Strong."



early childhood education.

Students dressed as doctors, police officers, chefs, and even superheroes, the country's youngest learners showcased their creativity and imagination. The streets were transformed into a vibrant display of costumes and enthusiasm, as students swapped their school uniforms for outfits representing the many careers and roles that shape communities.

This year's observance is being celebrated under the theme "Early Childhood Education: Start Strong." Organized as part of a nationwide effort to highlight the value of early learning, the event placed special focus on building strong foundations for children during their earliest developmental years.

The parade served as the official kickoff to a month of activities designed to promote child development through engaging and interactive learning experiences. Across Belize, preschools and early childhood centers will be hosting events that encourage creativity, curiosity, and social growth among young learners.

The activities planned for the month aim to introduce children to a wide range of concepts in ways that are fun and meaningful. By using play, storytelling, role-playing, and interactive exercises, teachers help young students build important skills in communication, cooperation, and problem-solving.

The parades reflected those principles. As children marched through the streets dressed as community helpers and professionals, they demonstrated the many possibilities that education can unlock. The costumes symbolized careers that many children admire, from healthcare workers and chefs to members of the security forces and other everyday heroes.

Parents also played a central role in the celebration. Their involvement highlights the strong partnership between families and educators in supporting early childhood development.

Throughout Child Stimulation Month, schools will introduce classroom discussions that explore different occupations and the important roles people play in society. Activities will also focus on strengthening developmental milestones, including language development, social interaction, and creativity. Through art, music, storytelling, and collaborative games, educators hope to inspire a lifelong love of learning in the children they teach.

The Ministry of Education continues to emphasize the importance



ing together to ensure that every child in Belize has the opportunity to start strong and grow into their fullest potential.

March 2, 2026 - Belize City and all over the country burst into colour and excitement this morning as pre-schoolers took to the streets to officially launch Child Stimulation Month 2026. The lively parade brought together young children, teachers, and parents in a joyful celebration highlighting the importance of



### REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIC ANALYST & BLUE ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Duration:** Twelve (12) Months  
**Duty Station:** Blue Economy Unit, Belize City (In Office)  
**Extended Deadline: March 23, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize received loan financing from the World Bank and grant financing from the PROBLUE Multi-donor trust funds, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) for the Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project, a five-year initiative being implemented by the CEU in the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the following contractual services within the Blue Economy Unit of the Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation:

1. Environmental Economic Analyst
2. Blue Economy Development Officer

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of the Request for Application and Terms of Reference (TOR) for both positions at <http://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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### Request for Quotation (RFQ)

#### Supply, Delivery, and Assembly of Prefabricated Modular Structure

The Government of Belize has received financing through the Government Strategic Allocation from the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract(s) for which this Request for Quotation (RFQ) is issued.

The *Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit*, on behalf of the Belize Forest Department, hereby invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified suppliers for the supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of a prefabricated modular structure.

| Quantity     | Agency                   | Brief Description                                                                                                                       | Delivery & Assembly Location                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| One (1) unit | Belize Forest Department | Supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular structure for laboratory workspace, office function, and secure storage | Belize Forest Department, Forest Drive, Belmopan City |

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of the shopping documents and further information at the following email address: [pa.component5@forest.gov.bz](mailto:pa.component5@forest.gov.bz) between *Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time*.

The Contract will be awarded to the bidder whose quotation is determined to be substantially responsive to the RFQ documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost. Quotations must be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to the address below no later than *March 10th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. local Belize time*:

Attention: GSA Component 5 Project Assistant  
Belize Forest Department  
Forest Drive  
Belmopan City, Belize

The sealed envelope must be clearly marked with the title of the RFQ.

Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Electronic submissions are not permitted.





REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

DATA ANALYST

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-CEU-460804-CS-INDV  
**Duration:** Eighteen (18) Months  
**Duty Station:** Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation – Belize City, Belize  
**Deadline:** March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) **(EXTENSION)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project” being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

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Ref: Individual Consultancy – “Data Analyst” – Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant’s Name].



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)/  
DATA SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI-CEU-522797  
**Duration:** Eighteen (18) Months  
**Duty Station:** Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation, Belize City, Belize  
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TOASTED WOLF





# Congratulations on 10<sup>th</sup> Season PM on Hand at Season Opening at Santander



PM is visiting MSME at every turn indicating that he gives equal importance for the different scales of our economy. Prime Minister Briceño is hands-on as he leads the Belizean nation. Poverty stands no chance against the daily fight against it. The achievement of zero poverty will be a function of PM’s charismatic leadership in unison with the Belizean people’s grit to work.



Ten harvest seasons... PM Briceño visits the Santander’s canefields on their 10th anniversary harvest start.

PM: “It was my pleasure to share this moment with the Santander Group. It’s the tenth sugar cane harvest season in Belize. Positive growth for company and country... congratulations.”

For context an excerpt from a Belize Times September 2025 article:  
**1st-ever Sugar Refinery MoU**



“The MOU which was signed between Sucro, an integrated U.S. and Canadian sugar refinery and distributor, the Santander Sugar Limited (SSL), the formation of a joint venture of Caribbean Sugar Refinery Limited (CSR) and the Government of Belize is intended to boost regional sugarcane production. It is a \$20 million investment being undertaken by CSR for over the next ten years, including the supporting logistical infrastructure that is required to service the CARICOM market. Importantly, this project will create employment and processing opportunities, in Belize, as well as the Caribbean region. A sugar refinery will definitely enhance regional food security and price stability across the region while promoting sustainability and intra-regional trade. The Government is fully committed to the venture.”

This project is well underway and promises to dramatically change Belize’s economic outlook as it pertains to trade with the CARICOM. The PM’s visit does indicate the importance of this regional initiative. Note that



## happy Women's MONTH

### BALANCE THE SCALES





# Senator Dennison Compromised? Is the \$183, 000 rejected Invoice fraudulent?



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February 24, 2026  
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Belize Telemedia Limited  
#1 St. Thomas Street, P.O. Box 603, Belize City Belize  
501-223-3444  
Atten: Mr. T.Kileru Awich

legit? Dennison surely has placed his feet in deeper than he should have. His credibility is up for clarification if he is even worthy of standing up for the legitimate workers’ issue. As Crown Counsel? As Senator? None of this is sarcastic.

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|--------|----|-----|--------------|
| S.     | 42 | 900 | \$37,800.00  |
| earch  | 47 | 100 | \$4,700.00   |
| BTOTAL |    |     | \$163,100.00 |
| GST    |    |     | 12.50%       |
| TOTAL  |    |     | \$183,487.50 |

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Sarcasm-in-chief, Crown Counsel, and Union Senator Glenfield Dennison seemingly is in deep hot water. Dennison has been protesting with some past BTL workers who are legitimately looking out for their severance as is their right. The PUP is 100per-cent behind these past workers from years back who today are standing for their inalienable rights. But protesting always has a caveat; people that do not belong try to take advantage. Here comes in attorney Dennison who is protesting with the BCWJ. But in the heat-of-the-moment response to a reporter he is commented about lawyers and big money. Credible reports are that BTL has rejected a six-figure invoice from the Union Senator/ Attorney Dennison. So he was commenting on himself? Now, the issue runs deeper than the dual role of Dennison advising the Belize Communication Workers for Justice while also serving as a Crown Counsel.

The invoice totals a hefty one hundred eighty-three thousand dollars for legal work for to BTL-BCWJ negotiations when Dennison insists he charged the workers nothing given he asked BTL to pay but was rejected.

The BCWJ and especially a key member back him up, saying the WHOLE public is missing the point since he billed BTL, not the workers, who introduced the issue of legal fees. So this is supposed to be fair for Dennison?

As we go to print, the issue is getting deeper as questions on the validity of the Invoice is in question. Is the **Tax Identification Number** on the invoice in question

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COMING UP: MID-FEBRUARY IN CAYO & BELMOPAN



Ministry of  
Human Development,  
Family Support, and  
Gender Affairs

## WHAT WE DO WEDNESDAY

Strengthening Families Through Parenting Education. Every family faces challenges. Support makes the difference. Next week, the Department of Human Services takes a closer look at its Parenting Program under the Community and Parent Empowerment Program (COMPAR).

This structured 8-week workshop equips parents with practical tools to:

- ✓ Build positive discipline strategies
- ✓ Improve family communication
- ✓ Understand child and teenage development
- ✓ Manage stress and conflict effectively
- ✓ Strengthen their role as caregivers

The program serves parents with children from birth to eighteen years. Participants may be referred by the Court or Social Workers, and community groups may also request sessions. This is not about punishment , it is about empowerment, accountability, and prevention. When parents are supported, children are protected. When families are strengthened, Belize grows stronger.

Join us next Wednesday on our social media platforms for a deeper look at how the Parenting Program is building safer, healthier homes across Belize.

Department of Human Services  
Under the **Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs**

Building Stronger Families. Strengthening Belize.





*Happy Women's Month*

## Balance the Scales

Together, let us balance the scales by championing fairness, amplifying women's voices, and ensuring equal opportunities in every space where decisions are made.



From Hon. Henry Charles Usher & the  
Fort George PUP Executive Committee

**PUP**  
PEOPLE'S UNITED PARTY



# Belmopan City Council Planting today for a greener tomorrow



His Worship Mayor Pablo Cawich, Deputy Mayor Coretta Banner, Councilor Lawrence Tush, who represents the Maya Mopan Area, alongside Councilor Florita Botes, Councilor Radin Santos, the Belmopan Children’s Advisory Body, Raquel Art, the Belmopan Phoenix Scout Group, and participating parents, came together for a successful tree-planting initiative at Maya Mopan Park—strengthening our shared commitment to a cleaner, greener Belmopan.



This meaningful initiative, led by the Children’s Advisory Body, reflects our continued dedication to building a sustainable future for our community, one tree at a time.



We extend our sincere gratitude to our generous sponsors:  
--Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries  
--Belize Forest Department  
--Ya’axché Conservatio Trust  
Thank you to everyone who played a part in making this initiative a success. Together, we are growing a stronger, greener Belmopan. (post)

A quick check on social media and you will see that Belize is well underway with planting the million trees. One should download the Greening Belize App, a centralized digital platform that enables real-time monitoring, verification, public participation, and transparent reporting of restoration efforts, strengthening governance and data-driven decision-making. With this one can directly participate. What we can see is that by 2035 Belize will have planted way more than a million trees. The Earth will be thankful.



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## Labour Ministry meets NTUCB Holiday Pay and Law Reforms



Leaders of the National Trade Union Congress of Belize met with senior officials from the Ministry of Immigration, Governance and Labour on Tuesday as part of ongoing engagement on labour policy and legislative reform.

The meeting was led by Minister of Immigration, Governance and Labour Kareem Musa and included Chief Executive Officer Tanya Santos and Deputy Labour Commissioner Claire Lamb, who represented the Ministry.

The National Trade Union Congress of Belize was represented by President Ella Waight, Councilor Tricia Pelayo, General Secretary Timothy Dami, Treasurer Jacqueline Medrano Cruz, Public Service Union President Dean Flowers, Trustees Luke Martinez and Lidia Blake, General Council member Marvin Mora, and Education Director Keisha Williams.

Discussions centered on several priority labour issues, including the interpretation of Section 117 of the Labour Act relating to holiday pay. Union leaders sought legal clarification on the correct application of the provision to address inconsistent employer practices and ensure statutory holiday entitlements for workers.

Participants also discussed progress on the review of labour legislation, including the need to revisit the Settlement of Disputes in Essential Services Act to ensure alignment with fundamental labour

rights within the current economic and employment environment.

Occupational safety and health legislation formed another focus of the meeting, with emphasis placed on the enactment and effective implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health Bill. Minimum wage policy was also addressed.

International labour commitments were reviewed, including the status of implementing International Labour Organization Convention 158 on termination of employment, preparation for the upcoming International Labour Conference, and efforts to strengthen coordination under the Decent Work Country Programme.

The meeting also examined emerging labour challenges linked to economic pressures, migration trends, and changing employment arrangements, with attention given to job security and working conditions.

Minister Musa said the engagement formed part of the Ministry's approach to sustained dialogue with organized labour.

"Our goal remains consistent engagement with our social partners to clarify the law, strengthen worker protections, and ensure that any reforms reflect both economic realities and fundamental labour rights," Musa said.

Both sides indicated that follow up meetings are expected as discussions continue on the identified issues. (Ministry post)



### BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY Vista Del Mar, Belize District.

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](https://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following property. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the date and time listed on the website until this property is sold.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
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## HIGH COURT OF BELIZE A.D. 2025 (DIVORCE)

ACTION NO. 321 OF 2025

(WILWORD HUBERT PINTO PETITIONER  
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BETWEEN (AND  
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(EMMA EDITH PINTO RESPONDENT

TO: EMMA EDITH PINTO somewhere in Belize or Honduras

**TAKE NOTICE** that a Petition for dissolution of marriage endorsed with a notice to you to appear and answer the charges therein has been filed in the High Court of Belize by the petitioner, **WILWORD HUBERT PINTO** of No. 2 K Street, Kings Park, Belize City, Belize and that you are required, within (28) days of the first publication hereof to enter an appearance at the office of the Registrar of the High Court in Belize City, Belize should you think fit so to do and thereafter to make answer to the charges in the said Petition and **FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that in default of your so doing the Court will proceed to hear he said charges proved and pronounce judgement your absence notwithstanding.

This Petition is filed and this Notice to appear is issued by **SABIDO & COMPANY LLP** of No. 5 New Road, Belize City, Belize, Attorneys-at-Law for its Petitioner **WILWORD HUBERT PINTO**.

Dated this 3 day of March, 2026.

REGISTRAR OF THE HIGH COURT

**Note.** Any person entering an appearance must at the same time furnish an address for service within two miles of the High Court.



### REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) WORKS - (DESIGN AND BUILD)

#### DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SAN PEDRO TOWN STREET IMPROVEMENT WORKS

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize, Central America  
**Project:** Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program  
**Process ID:** BL-L1046-P00028  
**Deadline:** April 24, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program's proceeds to procure the works for the "Design and Construction of San Pedro Town Street Improvement Works".

The Ministry of Finance invites interested companies to access the full version of this RFB online at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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# GOB Endorses Re-election OLACDE Executive Secretary

**March 2, 2026** - The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, re-affirmed its strong commitment to regional energy cooperation during the leadership transition ceremony of the Latin American and Caribbean Energy Organization (OLACDE).

Representing Belize, Dr. Leroy Almendarez, Chief Executive Officer, addressed distinguished Heads of Delegation, Honourable Ministers of Energy, Ambassadors, and regional stakeholders, underscoring the critical importance of regional unity at a time when energy security and sustainable transition define economic sovereignty across Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more than five decades, OLACDE has served as the premier platform for energy collaboration among its twenty-seven member states and permanent observers. The Organization has fostered cooperation between energy-rich and energy-developing nations while bridging policy, technology, investment, and regulatory harmonization across the region.

During the ceremony, member states formally recognized the re-election of Mr. Andrés Rebolledo Smitmans as Executive Secretary for the 2026–2029 term. His re-election reflects the confidence of member states in his leadership, technical expertise, and diplomatic acumen.

A former Minister of Energy of Chile and the outgoing Executive Secretary, Mr. Rebolledo returns to the role with a clear mandate: to advance a sustainable, inclusive, and strategically oriented regional energy agenda.

His new term begins at a pivotal moment. Latin America and the Caribbean face the dual challenge of strengthening energy security while accelerating a just and inclusive transition to renewable and sustainable energy systems. Member states must move beyond dialogue and into measurable action to ensure that no country is left behind in the green transition.

On behalf of the Minister of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics and the Government of Belize, Dr. Almendarez pledged Belize’s full support to Executive Secretary Rebolledo during the 2026–2029 term.

Belize reaffirmed its commitment to advancing key regional priorities, including:

- Universal and equitable energy access
- Strengthened regional energy security
- Harmonized regulatory frameworks to unlock cross-border electricity markets
- Mobilization of investment for renewable energy development
- ong-term energy sovereignty and resilience

Dr. Almendarez emphasized that integration remains the region’s greatest strength. By pooling resources, harmonizing regulations, and leveraging collective market power, Latin America and the Caribbean can transform vast natural resources into lasting

prosperity for their people.

With unified leadership across its twenty-seven member nations, OLACDE is well-positioned to guide the region toward becoming a global benchmark in sustainable energy transformation.

The Government of Belize looks forward to working closely with OLACDE to advance projects that deliver tangible results in energy access, affordability, security, and sustainability for the people of the Americas. (release)

# Rumble in the Tropics

Jyven Gonzales snags first place at this year’s rumble in the tropics.

Cyclists from Belize and beyond went head-to-head today in the second annual Rumble in the Tropics race. Belize’s own Jyven Gonzales emerged victorious, claiming 1st place in the Elite Male category.

Elite Male Category Results:  
1st: Jyven Gonzales | 2nd: Heriberto Quiroz Gutierrez | 3rd: Uriel Omar Espinosa Lopez

The race commenced at the Xaibel Service Station in the Stann Creek District and challenged riders across varied terrain, from the steep hills of the Hummingbird Highway to the sweltering stretches of the George Price Highway, before culminating in Belize City.

The event also featured competitors in the U23, Masters, Masters 40+, and Masters 50+ categories. (post)



## World Obesity Day

### MYTHS VS FACTS

#### WEIGHT STIGMA IS DANGEROUS

While people regularly get blamed for their obesity, experiencing systemic bias will not help the person adopt healthier lifestyles. In fact, it makes it harder.

#### EAT LESS, MOVE MORE DOES NOT FIX OBESITY

Although exercise plays an important role in overall health, it does not alone become effective in obesity treatment.

#### OBESITY IS NO LONGER JUST A DISEASE FOR RICH COUNTRIES

Obesity is rising the fastest in lower- and middle-income countries. Many of these countries are also tackling overweight and underweight.

#### WHAT IS OBESITY?

Obesity, is an abnormal excessive fat accumulation. It is a disease caused by a variety of factors. It’s not due to lack of willpower.

#### OBESITY IS A RISK FACTOR

Persons that are obese are at higher risk from other chronic diseases like Diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers.

#### CHILDHOOD OBESITY CAN BE PREVENTED AND TREATED.

Childhood obesity has doubled in the past 10 years, and it affects children’s physical health, social and mental health and it is often carried into adulthood.

Our Belize Health Information Systems 2025 data indicates 80,836 persons are obese and 56,717 persons are overweight. MICS survey 2024 indicates 27.8% children overweight ( 5-9 years) and 2.7% obese Under 5 years – 8.9% overweight



# Women's Month Open Balance the Scales

Women's Parades Across the Country



## Works All over the Country



## Child Stimulation Month Children Parades Across the Country



Plan Belize 2.0



**Belize Fisheries Department**  
**Advancing Data-Driven**  
**Fisheries Management**  
*R Studio Training for Fisheries*  
*Data Analysis*

The Belize Fisheries Department is strengthening its technical capacity in fisheries science and data analytics through an intensive 10-day technical training programme, “R Studio Training for Fisheries Data Analysis,” being delivered from February 16–27, 2026. This initiative is being implemented in keeping with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Blue Economy and Marine Conservation and the University of Belize, and reflects the continued collaboration between the Belize Fisheries Department and the University of Belize to enhance scientific and analytical expertise within the Department.

The training is facilitated by Dr. Arlenie Roers, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Science and Technology at the University of Belize, who holds a Ph.D. in Marine Affairs and Marine Resource Management and brings extensive experience in fisheries science and biological data analysis. Over the course of the programme, Fisheries Department staff are receiving hands-on instruction in importing, cleaning, and managing complex fisheries datasets; conducting statistical analyses; generating professional data visualizations; and applying modelling techniques to better understand trends in fish stocks and marine ecosystems.

As pressures on marine resources increase due to climate change, habitat degradation, and fishing intensity, fisheries management requires more sophisticated and transparent analytical tools. While spreadsheet-based systems have historically supported data management functions, the adoption of R statistical programming enables advanced, reproducible scientific workflows that strengthen data integrity, analytical transparency, and evidence-based decision-making. By embedding these skills within the Department, Belize is enhancing its institutional capacity to support science-driven fisheries management and long-term sustainability.

This initiative forms part of the Government Strategic Allocation (GSA) project titled, “Establishing the Enabling Environment for the Development of a Marine Spatial Plan through Strengthened Governance, Improved Management, and Enhanced Monitoring of Belize’s Coastal and Marine Resources.” This project is funded through the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future under its GSA mechanism and is implemented with the support of the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit. The training initiative is implemented with the technical support of the University of Belize.

By investing in technical capacity development, the Belize Fisheries Department continues to modernize its approach to fisheries management in a manner that supports sustainable fisheries productivity, improved marine monitoring, climate resilience, and the long-term protection of Belize’s marine resources for present and future generations. (release) fisheries\_department@fisheries.gov.bz

PlanBelize and planBelize 2.0 both contain the aphorism of “Serve the people” and in the most socially just way possible. Partnering with the University of Belize raises the bar of the level of preparation in the fisheries sector. Providing food, and providing income are two separate efforts of fishing. Proving food for the people of Belize is expected as tradition. Providing a sustainable income for fishers and foreign exchange for Belize are critical in providing food security at a larger scale.



# World Obesity Day

World Obesity Day 2026 takes place on 4 March, uniting people worldwide to raise awareness and drive action on obesity with a particular focus on our most vulnerable communities: children.

The theme for World Obesity Day on March 4, 2026, is  
*"8 Billion Reasons to Act on Obesity"*  
This year, the campaign brings together everyone affected by overweight and obesity.

We can celebrate World Obesity Day by considering their own health, and helping those who are obese.

## BENEFICIAL ACTIONS INCLUDE:

- Reducing weight stigma through language, humour, and media sharing.
- Making healthy food choices, cutting back on sugar-filled beverages, and increasing regular exercise
- Encourage family members to have open, judgment-free conversations regarding their health.
- Participate in local or online events that promote obesity awareness and prevention.



# VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN BRIDGING TRANSFORMATION: BELIZE CITY SET FOR MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

By Hilley Bennett

*"Investment in infrastructure is a long-term requirement for growth and a long-term factor that will make growth sustainable"* Chanda Kochhar

Belize City is on the brink of a historic transformation with three major infrastructure projects in the pipeline:

- The George Price Highway Upgrade project
- The Replacement of the Swing Bridge and
- The Replacement of the Belcan Bridge.

As Belize City Mayor Bernard Wagner pointed out in his opening remarks at the Town Hall Meeting that was held at the Belize City Civic Center on Tuesday night, the 3rd March 2026, *"These are not minor works. These are transformational projects."* However, Belize City residents are being urged to brace themselves for the traffic disruption and inconvenience that are coming as the Belize City Council (BCC) and the Ministry of Infrastructure Development



and Housing (MIDH) embark on the monumental and historic infrastructure upgrades within the city's jurisdiction.

Nonetheless, Wagner proffered that *"Disruptions often serves as a springboard for new opportunities, innovation...it act as a catalyst of change, forcing us to move beyond broken models and through intentional actions, embrace new creative solutions that redefine market standards"*. Thus becoming a bridge for transformation and modernization to Belize City. As the saying goes *"progress brings problems"* but there is nowhere in the world where a city has the opportunity to construct two new bridges and upgrade a vital section of the main highway leading out of the city.

Which Mayor Wagner suggested. The long-term benefits for the municipality are the strengthening of streets and road connectivity, improving safety, enhancing traffic flow, and rejuvenating economic activities for generations to come. Investment in infrastructure is truly a long-term requirement for growth and a long-term factor that will make growth sustainable.

It could be considered one of the most informative and impactful, two-hour town hall meetings. It included the Project Engineer, Mr. Michelan Gilhary (MIDH), Chief Engineer, Mr. Evondale Moody (MIDH), Mrs. Nataliah Cardona-Castillo, Gender & Social Specialist (MIDH), Mayor Bernard Wagner, Deputy Mayor, Eluide Miller, City Administrator, Ambassador Candice Pitts, City Planner, Ms. Carla Patnett, City Engineer, Floyd Williams, and Manager of Traffic Enforcement, Mr. Mauricio Gonzalez. The Project Engineer presented the George Price Highway Project Lot 1, and the Chief Engineer, Moody provided detailed information on both the Swing Bridge and the Belcan Bridge, while the BCC personnel highlighted the temporary diversions and the traffic management over the duration of the projects. Several questions were posed by members of a diverse sector, including the private sector, residents and, even, media personalities, which were responded to by the head-table.

Incidentally, a 15-hour traffic count survey was carried out by the JICA Team to assess actual traffic movement across the bridges.

**During the 15 hours:**

- The Belcan Bridge recorded 15,352 vehicles, making it the highest vehicular traffic crossing in Belize City.

- The Swing Bridge recorded 8,532 vehicles during the same period.

**Additionally, during the 15 hours:**

- The Belcan Bridge recorded 3,607 pedestrians and 2,386 bicycles.

**Whilst:**

- The Swing Bridge recorded 7,603 pedestrians, 1,608 bicycles and 1,873 motorcycles.

Surely, the morning and evening commute, school drop-off, business deliveries, pedestrian crossings, and traffic patterns will have to change.

A Business & Economic Impact Assessment was conducted to evaluate how the bridge-gap period would affect commerce and the daily economic activities across Belize City. Two of the city's economic zones would be affected. The Swing Bridge/downtown area and the Belcan Bridge/mid-town area. It is projected that the businesses on Albert Street and Queen Street will experience a 10-20% decline in casual foot traffic. However, in the long-term property value will increase along the Southern Foreshore vicinity from the \$28-million-dollar beautification and **modernization bridge project and the proposed floating boardwalk project.**

Undoubtedly, the benefits for the residents and the city will be realized in the long-term. As Wagner submitted *"Belize City is growing. Belize City is evolving. And Belize City must modernize its infrastructure to meet the demands for today and tomorrow."* Certainly, the approach regarding city improvement should be one of sacrifice and one that is collectively shared for the betterment of the city, for improved safety, for economic resilience, and for future generations.

In his concluding statement, Mayor Bernard Wagner emphasized *"Let us approach this moment not with frustration, but with unity. Not with division, but with cooperation. Not with fear, but with preparation. Together we will navigate. Together we will manage the adjustments."* In the end, it is always about the people and about the upliftment of our city, Belize City.

## NOTICE Request for Prequalification (RFPQ)

### Utility-Scale Solar PV Projects in Belize (80 MW)

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), in partnership with the Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics (MPUEL), and with advisory support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), invites qualified private-sector developers to participate in a Request for Prequalification (RFPQ) for landmark utility-scale solar PV projects in Belize.

To deliver this initiative, the GoB has engaged the IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, acting through its Advisory Services division, as lead transaction advisor. The Project is being structured under the globally recognized Scaling Solar initiative, which promotes an open, competitive, and transparent procurement process to accelerate the deployment of privately owned utility-scale solar projects.

### Procurement Process

The RFPQ represents the first stage of a competitive bidding process. Its purpose is to prequalify developers with the technical experience, financial capacity, and delivery capability required to implement large-scale solar PV projects within an accelerated timeframe. Only prequalified bidders will be invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.



**IFC**  
International  
Finance Corporation  
WORLD BANK GROUP

### Project Overview

**Total Capacity:**  
Up to 80 MW of  
grid-connected  
utility-scale solar PV

**Sites:**  
3 to 4 locations across Belize

**Commercial Structure:**  
Independent Power Producer  
(IPP) model

**Role of the Private Sector:**  
Design, finance, construct,  
own, operate, and maintain the  
solar PV facilities

### Objectives of the Project

This strategic investment is a cornerstone of Belize's energy transition and is intended to:



Increase renewable  
energy generation to  
support Belize's target  
of 75% renewable  
electricity by 2030



Reduce foreign  
exchange outflows  
associated with  
electricity imports



Strengthen national  
energy security and  
system reliability

### Access to RFPQ

The full RFQ document, including eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and timelines, is available at:

[www.bel.com.bz/Tenders](http://www.bel.com.bz/Tenders)

Belize is open for clean energy investment. Qualified developers are encouraged to participate in this transformative project that will shape the country's sustainable energy future.



PRE-SCHOOLERS PLANTING TREES:  
CONTINUING CHILD  
STIMULATION MONTH 2026

“Early Childhood Education: Start Strong”

Child Stimulation Month 2026, organised by the Ministry of Education, kicked off on Monday, 2 March 2026, with the kiddies’ parade through the streets of Belize City. The parade is one of the scheduled events for the month of March. Interestingly, on Wednesday, 4 March 2026, at the City Childhood Education Center (CECEC), traditionally called Ms Bennett Pre-school, the students took part in the planting of trees. Seemingly, the event is aligned with Prime Minister, John Briceno’s planting a million-tree initiative. It was a proud moment for the pre-schoolers.

This year the theme for this year's event is “Early Childhood Education: Start Strong”  
By Hilly Bennett



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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

Vista Del Mar, Belize District.

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following property. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the date and time listed on the website until this property is sold.

Parcel No. 1781 Vista Del Mar, Ladyville, Belize District:



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Vista Del Mar        | 16    | 1781   |

The freehold property of Mr. Andre Keron Kalique Gill Card.

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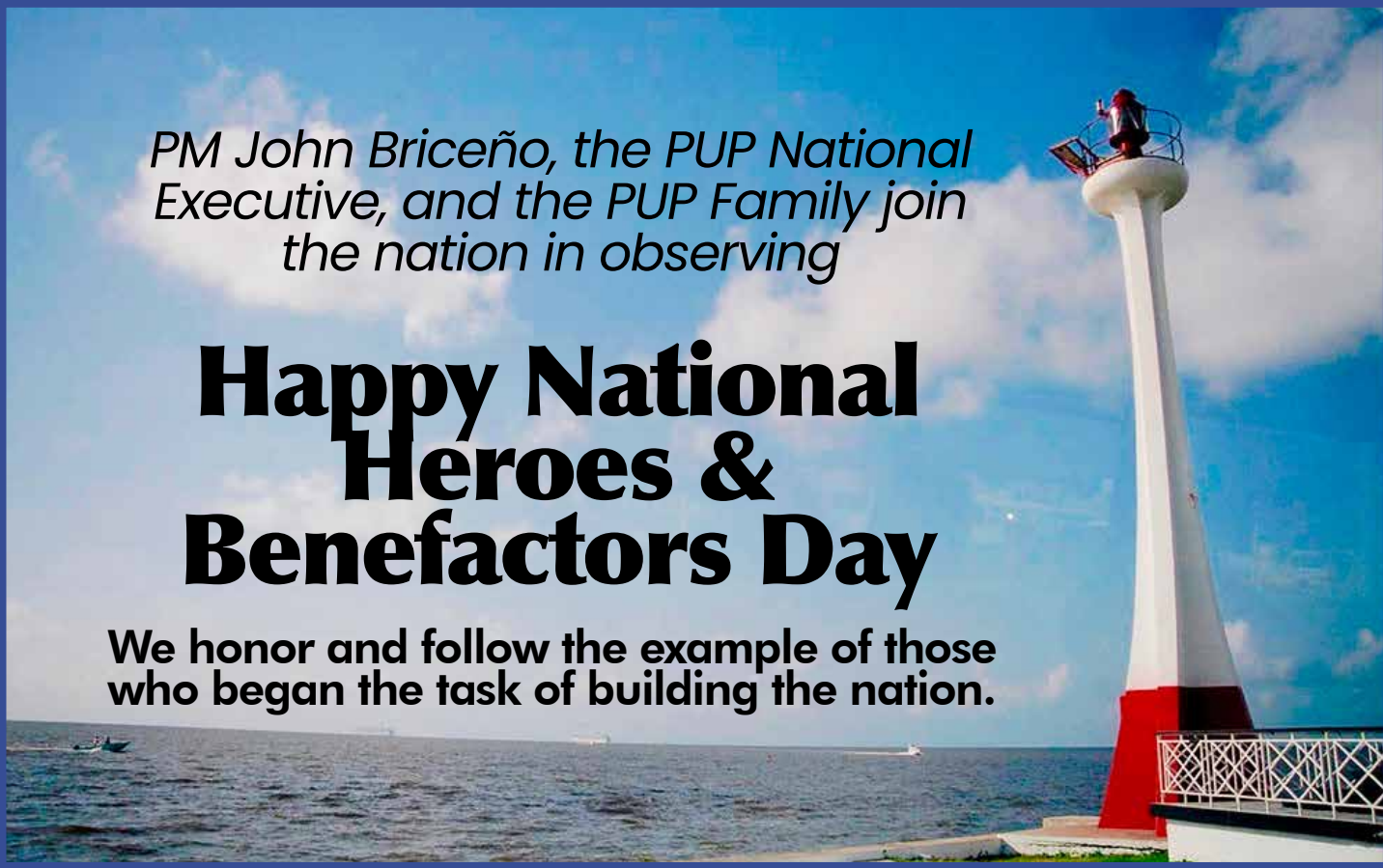
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We honor and follow the example of those who began the task of building the nation.



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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

Trial Farm, Orange Walk District, Mount Pleasant, Cayo District.

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1. Parcel No. 1013 Pucte Villas, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District: 2. Parcel No. 1152 Mount Pleasant Area situate Along the George Price Highway, Cayo District:



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Ann Gabourel         | 4     | 1639   |

The freehold property of Ms. Dayana de Paz and Mr. Luisito Cunil.



| REGISTRATION SECTION | BLOCK | PARCEL |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Mount Pleasant       | 20    | 1152   |

The freehold property of Messrs. AJS Group International Co. Ltd.

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INAUGURATION  
Our Lady of Fatima RC  
School building

The Government of Belize celebrated another milestone in national development today with the official inauguration of Our Lady of Fatima R.C. School building in Roaring Creek. Implemented by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), this project involved the construction of a modern two-storey building, including seven classrooms and bathrooms to serve 211 students. Designed by the MIDH, the building will serve a dual role as a hurricane shelter that can accommodate 200 persons.

Present at the inauguration was Prime Minister John Briceño, Area Representative Julius Espat, Minister of State in Education Ramon Cervantes and a host of invited guests.

The government is grateful to have been able to be of service to the children of the OLAFRCS. With the new space, Education is expected to be in a cozier environment conducive to easier learning.



CONGRATULATIONS!  
ALEX FONSECA  
Officially an Attorney-at-Law



“Thank you to God, my family, friends, mentors, and colleagues for guiding me and assisting me along this journey. I am truly humbled and grateful. I look forward to contributing positively to the profession in any way I can.” – Alex Fonseca

Alex Fonseca, son of Freetown Area Representative Francis Fonseca, was officially called to the Bar, thus he is now an attorneys-at-law in Belize. He studied a Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of the West Indies, Mona campus, one of the Caribbean’s most respected institutions for legal education. Upon completion of his LLB, he continued at the Norman Manley Law School in Jamaica, where he obtained a Legal Education Certificate—a requirement to practise within the Commonwealth Caribbean.

He is the son of trained former Party Leader and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Education, Hon. Francis Fonseca. His mother Gina Fonseca is a career lecturer at the tertiary level.

Alex now moves into a life in the area of justice and as for all lawyers is expected to contribute to the fair administration of the same.

We in the PUP family join to congratulate Alex on his coming home and taking the oath to the bar. Belize looks forward to another young mind involved in its development.



REQUEST FOR BID  
(GOODS)  
SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT



**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI-CEU-483430-GO-RFB  
**Deadline:** March 18, 2026; 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) (EXTENSION)

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the World Bank (WB) for the execution of the Project: “Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project”.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds for the purchase of Office Furniture & Equipment (hereinafter called “Goods”).

| No.   | Item               | Specifications & Quantity          |
|-------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lot 1 | Computer Equipment | Available in the bidding documents |
| Lot 2 | Camera Drones      | Available in the bidding documents |
| Lot 3 | Office Furniture   | Available in the bidding documents |

Bidders may submit a Bid for ONE LOT or for ALL THREE Lots. Each bid submitted must include every item within the selected lot to be considered responsive.

The Ministry of Finance invites bidders to access the complete bidding document at <https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided in the bidding documents.

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Ministry of Finance  
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan  
Tel: 501-822-4106’  
[procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz)



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Institution:** Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management  
**Tender:** 24-HOUR ARMED SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES AT THE GREEN BUILDING COMPLEX, 7552 HUMMINGBIRD HIGHWAY, BELMOPAN CITY.

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites qualified and reputable **Security Companies** to submit detailed proposals for **24-Hour Armed Security and Surveillance Services at The Green Building Complex, 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City**. The duration of the contract is for a **period of two (2) years upon signing**.

Objective of the Service:

The objective is to ensure the safety, security, and integrity of the building, its occupants, and the premises through reliable and effective security and surveillance systems.

Specific objectives include and are not limited to:

- i. Regulation and monitoring of all activity on the compound during both day and night, documenting and logging all vehicles, personnel, visitors, and guests entering the Ministry compound.
- ii. Perform any additional security-related tasks as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties from time to time.

The full Terms of Reference, which includes requirements, expected services, standards and instructions

for the submission process, can be obtained by sending a request to:

**Email:** [procurement.officerAenvironment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.officerAenvironment.gov.bz)  
**CC:** [procurement.asstAenvironment.gov.bz](mailto:procurement.asstAenvironment.gov.bz)  
and [rodriguezLPE@environment.gov.bz](mailto:rodriguezLPE@environment.gov.bz)

**Deadline for Submission:** March 13th, 2026, 10:00 AM



Belize - EU-IOM Support for Immigration Frontline

Sharper Tools with Additional MIDAS Equipment



March 2, 2026 - The International Organization for Migration (IOM), with funding from the European Union (EU), has officially handed over additional Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS) equipment to Belize’s Ministry of Immigration, expanding support for Belize’s ongoing modernization of border management technology.

In this latest handover, IOM provided 4 switches, 60 passport readers, and 25 webcams, building on the earlier donation of equipment also funded by the European Union that included desktops, servers, and supporting MIDAS infrastructure to advance full, end-to-end deployment across points of entry. Together with the earlier deliveries, the value of the full MIDAS equipment package provided under this support totals BZD 458,266.11.

“Our work is constantly evolving, and we remain committed to improving how migration is managed in Belize. This equipment strengthens our operational capacity, and we appreciate the support of IOM and the European Union, through the Integrated Border Management project, in making these improvements possible,” said Mr. Lawrence Thompson, Director of Belize’s Department of Border Management and Immigration Services (DBMIS).

The automation of data collection processes allows for faster and more accurate information capture – alleviating the workload at points of entry and minimizing human errors. For travellers, this means smoother processing during peak times, stronger protection of personal data, and greater confidence



in the integrity of border procedures. This project is part of a broader initiative, funded by the EU and led by IOM, aimed at strengthening Belize’s Integrated Border Management (IBM) strategy. The objective is to address critical gaps in data management and processing, aligning Belize’s border governance with international best practices.

Mr Xavier Canton-Lamousse, Head of Office of the European Union Technical Support Office to Belize, highlighted that the EU “has developed significant experience in integrated border management among its 27 Member States and is pleased to collaborate with Belize to enhance its border management systems, deliver practical solutions, and promote innovation.”

In the coming months, IOM, thanks to continuous financial support by the EU, will further assist the Ministry of Immigration with system deployment and hands-on user training. IOM will also support the development of practical tools and procedures for sustainability needed to keep the upgraded MIDAS system running smoothly over time.

The donation received by the Ministry of Immigration today advances Belize’s push for modern, secure immigration services. It equips officers with dependable tools to protect data, strengthen border management, and ensure a smoother entry experience for Belizeans and visitors alike. (release)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

ASSISTANT NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICER – MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PETROLEUM AND MINING

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI - CEU-522972-CS-INDV  
**Duration:** Twenty-four (24) Months  
**Duty Station:** Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining, Belmopan, Belize (In Office)  
**Deadline:** April 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the “Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project”, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project’s proceeds to engage the contractual services of an “Assistant National Planning Officer” for the Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Expression of Interest and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-assistant-national-planning-officer-individual-consultant-bz-mfedi-ceu-522972-cs-indv-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.



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Ref: Individual Consultancy – “Assistant National Planning Officer” – Blue Cities - [Applicant’s Name].



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICER - MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, PETROLEUM AND MINING

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI - CEU-522972-CS-INDV  
**Duration:** Two (2) years  
**Duty Station:** Ministry of Natural Resources, Petroleum and Mining, Belmopan (In Office)  
**Deadline:** April 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

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Ref: Individual Consultancy – “National Planning Officer” – Blue Cities [Applicant’s Name]



# MRT and UNICEF Inaugurate WASH Project at the Bella Vista Polyclinic



**February 27, 2026** - The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, and Local Government, in collaboration with UNICEF, officially inaugurated a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (W.A.S.H.) Project today at the Bella Vista Polyclinic. This joint effort is a key component of UNICEF's mission to provide access to clean water and reliable sanitation, while promoting basic hygiene practices that protect children from infectious diseases. This inauguration also marks a vital step in the Ministry's ongoing commitment to improving public health infrastructure within the Toledo District.

The W.A.S.H. Project at the Bella Vista Polyclinic includes installing two (2) 10,000-liter water tanks, constructing a robust elevated concrete stand, and building a new laundry room. A primary objective of this infrastructure is to provide a critical backup water source, ensuring that in the event of a primary water system failure or local supply interruption, the polyclinic remains fully operational. By securing this backup supply and enhanced laundry facilities, the Ministry is ensuring that healthcare providers can continue their essential medical work without interruption, always maintaining a safe and sanitary environment for patients.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, and Local Government; Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Area Representative for Toledo East; and Dr. Olusola Oladeji, the Health and Nutrition Specialist for UNICEF. They were joined by Mr. Valen-

tino Shal, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry, along with the chairpersons and members of the Bella Vista Village Council and Water Board, and the medical personnel of the Bella Vista Polyclinic.

By strengthening the technical and sanitary capabilities of the Bella Vista Polyclinic, the Ministry is ensuring that rural communities have access to the same level of dependable health and sanitation services found across Belize. This investment highlights the government's dedication to sustainable development, disaster resilience, and the well-being of all citizens through strategic partnerships and infrastructure enhancement. (release)



## Specific Procurement Notice Camera Network and 911 Emergency Response System Expansion Nº CABEI-G-001-2147/2026 One Stage-One Envelope

**March 6, 2026:**

### 1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting full financing for the Acquisition, installation, and commissioning of a camera network system and a 911 emergency response system expansion for the Belize Police Department within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme.

### 2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND BUYER OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

#### 2.1 Buyer's background.

The Executing Body (EB) for the BISP is the Ministry of Finance, Investment, Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance. The MET will be responsible for the execution of the Programme and all its components, reporting all progress to CABEI and ensuring the execution of each component under the terms established for CABEI formulation and approval. The execution of BISP components will be carried out by the Co-Executors: Belize Police Department, Belize Defence Force, Belize Coast Guard, and National Forensic Science Services.

#### 2.2 The **Ministry of Economic Transformation** is responsible for the present Procurement process, for which it invites eligible suppliers of goods and services to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.

#### 2.3 The Supplier will be selected through international competition in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services, and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, which can be found on the following website: <https://www.bcie.org>.

### 3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

#### 3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement: Acquisition, installation, and commissioning of a camera network and a 911 emergency response system expansion, along with all necessary components (hardware and software) to ensure a fully functional and operational system for the Belize Police Department.

#### 3.2 The Buyer makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.

Such information will be available free of charge:

- For download on the Ministry of Economic Transformations' Website: <http://met.gov.bz/tender/> and the Ministry of Finance's Procurement Portal: <https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/#tender>
- Additional information regarding the preparation of proposals can be communicated by emailing to: [cameranetworkexpansion.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:cameranetworkexpansion.bisp@met.gov.bz) and [projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz) and copied to [adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz](mailto:adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz)

*Any cost to obtain printed documents is Non-Refundable. The nominal charge amounts needed are to cover printing and shipping costs.*

#### 3.3 Bids for this invitation to bid shall be received no later than **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, until 10:00 a.m.** at the following physical address below:

#### 3.4 Bids must be sent to the address below. Bids will not be permitted in electronic form, and no late bids will be accepted. Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder, at the address listed below on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 10:15 a.m.**

#### 3.5 **All Bids must be accompanied by one "Bid Maintenance Declaration".**

#### 3.6 The address mentioned above is:

**Project Coordinator**  
**Belize Integral Security Programme**  
**#1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit 3**  
**Belmopan City, Cayo District**  
**Belize, Central America**

**Ref. Belize Integral Security Programme (Nº CABEI-G-001-2147/2026)**

**Telephone: 501-828-6106**



BSIF Delivers ICT Equipment  
**Santa Cruz  
Government  
Primary School**



March 4 - The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) team was honored to be joined by Orange Walk North Area Representative, the Honorable Ramon "Monchi" Cervantes, for the handing over of ICT equipment to Santa Cruz Government Primary School in Orange Walk District.

Representing BSIF were Deputy Executive Director Angeles Itzab, Finance Coordinator Nellie Trench, Acting Senior Procurement Officer Stephanie Rodriguez, Senior Accounts Officer Ouremi Paul, Technical Officer for the Northern Team Mirtha Welch, Engineer for the Northern Team Ranulfo Mendoza and Field Officer for the Northern Team Ivor Mendez.

This initiative forms part of the education project inaugurated in October 2025 under the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) 10th Cycle Programme. Through this investment, students and teachers are now better equipped with the digital tools needed to enhance learning outcomes and embrace technology in the classroom.

Additionally, work continues in the community, as a new preschool is currently under construction through the BSIF III Loan Programme, further strengthening early childhood development opportunities in Santa Cruz Village.

At BSIF, we remain committed to investing in education, empowering communities, and building a stronger future for Belize—one project at a time.”(post)

The BSIF is an excellent vehicle in promoting the vision and deliverables of planBelize and

its 2.0 iteration. The other most important partner are the people of Belize and, specifically, the direct stakeholders at the projects being implemented. Especially important is the input into Education and water supply but any and all projects by the Belize Social Investment Fund whose name fits them perfectly. The people of Belize always say thanks for the efforts and thanks for timely delivery of community needs.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE



REQUEST FOR BIDS  
(Non-Consulting Services)

GENERAL SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES  
FOR THE SIR EDNEY CAIN BUILDING IN BELMOPAN  
2026 – 2028

Process ID: MOF/RFB/01-2026  
Deadline: March 13, 2026

The Ministry of Finance hereby invites tenders from qualified Security Companies in Belize to provide Security and Surveillance Services for the Sir Edney Cain Building in Belmopan for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028.

Interested bidders can access the full notice, including the Instructions to Bidders and specifications for this tender, online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-general-security-and-surveillance-services-firm-mof-rfb-01-2026-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below.

Bids must be prepared and submitted strictly in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders contained in the full notice.

Deadline for the submission of Bids is March 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building  
Belmopan, Belize  
828-4112



MINISTRY OF FINANCE



REQUEST FOR BIDS  
(Non-Consulting Services)

ELECTRICAL AND AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE SERVICES  
FOR THE SIR EDNEY CAIN BUILDING IN BELMOPAN  
2026 – 2028

Process ID: MOF/RFB/02-2026  
Deadline: March 13, 2026

The Ministry of Finance hereby invites tenders from qualified Companies in Belize to provide Electrical and Air Conditioning Maintenance Services for the Sir Edney Cain Building in Belmopan, for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028.

Interested bidders can access the full notice, including the Instructions to Bidders and specifications for this tender, online at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-electrical-and-air-conditioning-maintenance-services-firm-mof-rfb-02-2026-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below.

Bids must be prepared and submitted strictly in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders contained in the full notice.

Deadline for the submission of Bids is March 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

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In Memoriam

ODS Vincent Parks

October 4, 1953 – February 27, 2026

Kerrian Gordon: Today, my heart is heavy as I remember a remarkable woman, Mrs. Vincent Parks.

Miss Vincent was more than a public figure; she was a guiding light in my life. She was the one who encouraged me to become a teacher when I doubted myself. She saw potential in me before I could see it on my own. Because of her encouragement, I stepped into a classroom with confidence and purpose.

She also introduced me to the world of politics, opening my eyes to service, leadership, and standing firmly for what you believe in. Her passion for people and country was not just something she spoke about but also lived it every single day.

To many, she was a strong political warrior, a former Senator, and a respected educator. To me and my family, she was also the loving grandmother of my children, a woman whose strength, wisdom, and kindness touched our home personally.

Miss Vincent was a great person to all.



She gave selflessly, spoke boldly, and loved deeply. Her legacy will continue through the many lives she shaped including mine.

Lords Bank Post: She was a true stalwart warrior of the People's United Party, serving faithfully and passionately throughout her entire life. She was a proud Mem-

ber of the Order of Distinguished Service, a former Senator, and the former Principal of Ladyville RC School. In every role she held, she demonstrated strength, integrity, and unwavering dedication to her country and community.

Her leadership, resilience, and commitment to service have left a lasting impact, especially here in Belize Rural Central, where we are truly devastated by her passing.

Sunrise Cricket Club: Am so searching for words!! On behalf of Sunrise Cricket Club, we would like to announce the passing of our beloved Leader Manager best fan best friend.

Our chain is broken but we stand as a family. Mrs Vincent Parks Thompson may Rest in Peace. Your work on earth is done but your memories will live within us forever. Farewell Manager Sunrise Cricket Club will surely mist our General.

Friend: In every role she held, she demonstrated strength, integrity, and an unwavering dedication to her country and

community.

Her leadership, resilience, and commitment to service have left a lasting impact, especially here in Belize Rural Central, where we are truly devastated by her passing.

We extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and all who were touched by her remarkable life. May her legacy continue to inspire us all.

It is with deepest of condolences that the People's United Party announce the passing of a PUP stalwart and member of the Order of Distinguished Service Mrs Vincent Parks.

People's United Party: On behalf of Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Cordel Hyde, Chairman Hon. Henry Usher, Chairman of ODS, Lenny Jo Usher, the PUP National Executive, the PUP Secretariat and the extended PUP family, we express of deepest and sincerest condolences to the Parks family.

May our beloved rest in Peace and rise in Eternal Glory.



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BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](http://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following properties, vehicles and vessel. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties, vehicles and vessel are sold.

1. Parcel No. 28/1 corner of Flamboyant Street and Croton Lane, St. Martin De Porres, Belize District:



| Registration Section | Block | Parcel |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| St. Martin De Porres | 45    | 28/1   |

The Leasehold property of Ms. Stephanie Pitterson

2. Lot No. 192 Near Mile 16.5 George Price Highway, Hattieville, Belize District:



ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 192 comprising 833.33 square yards of land situate in "Belize/American Site area, Hattieville, Belize District. The leasehold property of Mr. Denvor Fairweather.

3. Lot No.4 on Mahogany Street, East Succotz Village, Cayo District:



All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 4, situate East of Succotz Village, Cayo District, containing 0.257 acres of land held being the freehold property of Mr. Luis Itza.

4. Vessel and Vehicles:



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Ability to work well with staff and peers on a professional and personal level.  
Fluent in English and Spanish both written and oral

**Applications close:** March 15, 2026  
Please submit application letter and two References to:  
[northernmedicalhrdept@gmail.com](mailto:northernmedicalhrdept@gmail.com)  
General Manager  
Northern Medical Specialty Plaza Ltd.  
Orchid Drive, BSI Area  
Orange Walk Town



# All in a Week's Work

The work pace of this John Briceño PUP Government is fast and furious, and it's occurring amid much noise from the would-be detractors. In just one week, we saw transformational progress in various sectors throughout the country, even as Belize made its mark regionally.

On the regional stage, Prime Minister John Briceño played a prominent role at the Fiftieth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) held in Basseterre, St Kitts and Nevis, from February 24 to 27. At that meeting, our Prime Minister spoke briefly with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and, along with other CARICOM leaders, was able to discuss issues such as the humanitarian crisis in Cuba, as well as share concerns about transnational crime, highlighting specific challenges it poses to Belize because of our geographic location. He made a case for further assistance to enable Belize to address the threats to our national security and safety.

Meanwhile, back home, the work of Government continued apace with age-old problems being resolved and ambitious programs rolling out. One such program is the National Health Insurance (NHI) which is now being fully rolled out in areas such as the Cayo District. The Government officially signed contracts with eight (8) healthcare institutions to expand the program to Belmopan, San Ignacio, Santa Elena, Benque Viejo and surrounding communities, as well as to the Northside of Belize City. Vital new funding for NHI, which revolutionizes and expands accessibility to primary healthcare services, comes from Boledo proceeds.

Sports is another important sector that is now positively affected by this government's decision to take back the Boledo. In fact, this past week saw the first instalment of One Million Dollars from Boledo handed

over to the National Sports Council, another million coming at the end of March, for a total of 2 Million in one month, with further commitment of 2 Million every year. Under UDP Brads Boledo, 2 Million was what the entire Government got in a year. Under Fi We Boledo, Government gets 20 Million annually.

Also occurring, this past week, was the launch of the National Bus Company, which commences the reversal of the chaos and calamity left behind by the UDP, and ushering in the phased modernization of the Public Transportation System. It's a long overdue initiative, and Transport Minister Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh and this team must be congratulated for their focus and dedication.

Also this past week, we saw students and teachers at the oldest high school in the Cayo District reacting positively and gratefully to the fact that they have been added to the growing family of secondary schools now enjoying completely free education which is being incrementally rolled out across the nation, another bold initiative of this PUP Government.

An initiative just as bold is the Housing Program that provides starter homes for needy Belizeans, and was also prominently featured this past week were another set of new homeowners in various communities, including the constituencies of Albert, Lake Independence and Belize Rural Central. As a release from the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) states, "The housing program is one of the government's most impactful initiatives, providing stability and security for deserving Belizeans."

This list of accomplishments over the past week is by no means exhaustive. In fact, on the infrastructure side of things, we also saw the Belize City Council and MIDH holding public consultations on the replace-

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LODGE MENT OF AN EIA REPORT AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR PORT OF BELIZE LTD. FOR A PROPOSED CARGO EXPANSION AND CRUISE PORT DEVELOPMENT ON CAESAR RIDGE ROAD, PORT LOYOLA, BELIZE CITY

The General Public is hereby advised that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for a proposed cargo expansion and cruise port development project located on Caesar Ridge Road, Port Loyola, Belize City, Belize District, has been submitted by Port of Belize Ltd. to the Department of the Environment (DOE). While the EIA report is a technical document, it contains an executive summary which provides an overview of the project and its potential environmental impacts. The EIA report will be reviewed by the National Environmental Appraisal Committee (NEAC) before a final decision is taken by the DOE.

The general public is also informed that the EIA report is available for public review, free of charge, from March 5 to April 1, 2026 (Monday- Friday) during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the following locations:

- 1. Port Loyola Public Library in Belize City
- 2. Belize National Library Service and Information System in Belize City
- 3. Leo Bradley Library in Belize City
- 4. Turton Library Center in Belize City
- 5. The DOE's office at 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan.

The EIA report is also available on the DOE's website at the link: [https://doe.gov.bz/?post\\_type=wpdmpro&p=17128&preview=true](https://doe.gov.bz/?post_type=wpdmpro&p=17128&preview=true) and [https://doe.gov.bz/?post\\_type=wpdmpro&p=17130&preview=true](https://doe.gov.bz/?post_type=wpdmpro&p=17130&preview=true). The public is invited to submit their comments in writing on or before April 1st, 2026, to the DOE Office in Belmopan or email: [envirodept@environment.gov.bz](mailto:envirodept@environment.gov.bz); [ciaunit@environment.gov.bz](mailto:ciaunit@environment.gov.bz), and link: <https://forms.gle/z2TLsyapL1PZMGZj8>.

Kindly be informed that a hybrid public consultation (in-person and virtual) for the EIA report will be held on March 25th, 2026, commencing at 7:00 pm. The in-person consultation will be held at the Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza, 3.5 Miles Phillip Goldson Highway, Belize District and an online link will be provided near the date via the DOE's Facebook Page, for those who will participate virtually. The consultation will also be streamed live via the Government of Belize Press Office Facebook Page.

The General Public is invited to attend in person or participate online, to make comments, ask questions, seek clarification, and/or provide input regarding this proposed project.



### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

#### TECHNICAL OFFICER – BELIZE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

**Institution:** Ministry of Finance  
**Country:** Belize  
**Project:** Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project  
**Process ID:** BZ-MFEDI - CEU-522972-CS-INDV  
**Duration:** Twenty-Four (24) Months  
**Duty Station:** Belize Solid Waste Management Authority (BSWaMA), Belmopan,  
**Deadline:** March 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) (Extension)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the World Bank for the execution of the "Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project", being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to engage the contractual services of a "Technical Officer" - Belize Solid Waste Management Authority.

The Ministry of Finance invites individuals to access the full version of this Request for Expression of Interest and Terms of Reference (TOR) at <https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-technical-officer-individual-consultant-bz-mfedi-ceu-523003-cs-indv-mof-2026/> or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit application packages in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

ATTN: Procurement Specialist  
Ministry of Finance  
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor, Belmopan  
Tel: 501-822-4106  
[procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz](mailto:procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz)



Ref: Individual Consultancy – "Technical Officer– Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project– [Applicant's Name].

## BELIZEPROPERTYAUCTIONS.COM

### PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY

#### Mount Pleasant, Cayo District.

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Development Finance Corporation, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via [belizepropertyauctions.com](https://belizepropertyauctions.com) the following property. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until this

Parcel No. 1152 Mount Pleasant Area situate Along the George Price Highway, Cayo District:



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# Strategic Partnership With Taiwan

## Electric Mobility Support for Postal Service

**Belize City, February 25, 2026**  
The Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics proudly joined the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize for the official handover of

## Welcome – Koningsdam to Port!



March 3 - Today, the Koningsdam made its inaugural call to Belize City, marking an exciting addition to our cruise arrivals. A special plaque exchange was held on board with Captain Frederik Carsjens of Holland America Line to commemorate the occasion.

Representatives from the Belize Tourism Board, the Department of Immigration, Fort Street Tourism Village, APEX Shipping Agency Limited, Sea Charters, and the Customs and Excise Department were present to officially welcome the vessel and its crew.

We look forward to the Koningsdam’s continued visits and the many guests who will experience what makes Belize unforgettable. (post)

## Corozal Bay United Women’s Group

As we observe Women’s Month in March, we reflect on the progress made toward gender equality while recognizing that there is still important work to be done. This month is not only about celebration, but also about advocacy, empowerment, and action.

Under the theme “Balance the Scales,” we reaffirm our commitment to fairness, equal opportunity, and justice for women and girls. Balancing the scales means ensuring that women have equal access to leadership, education, economic opportunities, and protection from all forms of violence and discrimination.

Let us continue to uplift one another, support women-owned initiatives, mentor our young girls, and stand united in creating a society where every woman can thrive.

Together, we can truly Balance the Scales. Happy Women’s Month to all women especially our hardworking, strong women of the Corozal Bay UWG!

## All in a Week’s Work

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ment of two major bridges in Belize City, Swing Bridge and Belcan Bridge, as well as the upgrading of George Price Highway from Belize City to Belmopan.  
And, on matters relating to Labour, Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL), which is majority owned by the Government and People of Belize, invited former workers who qualify to apply for severance pay that had been denied for many years under the Dean Barrow UDP Government.  
Indeed, the work is relentless and the pace is furious, as this PUP Government under the leadership of Prime Minister John Briceño continues to transform the nation and the lives of our people through Plan Belize 2.0. If so much could have been achieved in a week, imagine how much more there is to come in the four years ahead. Forward! (contributed)

a KYMCO electric scooter, generously donated to support the continued modernization of the Belize Postal Service.  
This meaningful gesture underscores the enduring partnership and strong diplomatic ties between Belize and Taiwan. The addition of this electric scooter represents more than a vehicle; it symbolizes shared commitment to innovation, sustainability, and

improved public service delivery.  
The electric scooter will enhance mobility, operational efficiency, and service reach within the postal system, providing valuable support to postal workers in the execution of their daily responsibilities. By integrating clean energy transportation into postal operations, this initiative also reflects our broader national vision of embracing environmentally responsible solutions across public services.  
The Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics remains committed to

strengthening infrastructure, improving logistics networks, and advancing sustainable development across Belize. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for its continued partnership and tangible support toward national development.  
Present at the handover ceremony were H.E. Lily Li-Wen Hsu, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan); Hon. Michel Chebat, Minister of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, Hon. Gilroy Usher, Minister of State, Dr. Leroy Almendarez, Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Marsha Price, Postmaster General along with other officials and representatives of the Belize Postal Service. (release)



CENTRAL BANK  
of BELIZE



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

ASSISTANT CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Central Bank invites qualified individuals to join its Internal Audit Department.

The Internal Audit Department is an independent, objective assurance and consulting function that evaluates and improves the Central Bank’s internal controls, risk management, and governance processes. The Assistant Chief Internal Auditor conducts specialized audits and leads the assigned team in assessing internal controls, effectively communicating findings and recommendations, and monitoring responses and ameliorative actions.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist the Chief Internal Auditor in the strategic planning and management of the Internal Audit Department.
- Provide guidance and performance management to the audit team, ensuring quality control assurance on audit engagement planning, performance, and reporting.
- Communicate audit findings and recommendations to management.
- Oversee the Internal Audit Department’s continuous monitoring activities to give assurance on the integrity of critical Central Bank processes and systems.
- Monitor and validate the implementation of audit recommendations and management action plans.
- Coordinate and provide training and development opportunities to ensure the audit team meets the Internal Audit Continued Professional Development (CPD) standard.
- Provide expert consultation on the development and installation of systems and procedures and maintenance of a strong and effective control environment.
- Plan, manage, and perform assigned specialized audits.
- Lead investigations into suspected fraudulent activities and report findings to the Chief Internal Auditor.
- Perform other duties necessary to fulfill the requirements of the audit function as assigned.

The applicants should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A recognized professional certification in accounting (CPA/ ACCA) and/or internal auditing (CIA, CISA), with
  - A master’s degree in accounting, banking, or finance from a recognized university, with at least three (3) years of relevant experience; **or**
  - A bachelor’s degree in accounting, banking, or finance with at least six (6) years of relevant experience.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of the Central Bank of Belize Act, the Domestic Banks and Financial Institutions Act, internal control processes, auditing, and accounting principles; investigative and reporting skills; ability to apply relevant methodologies and tools effectively to audit engagements; computer literate and proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Communication, Analytical Ability, Job knowledge, Organisational Ability, Problem Solving/Judgement, Quality of Output, Decision Making, Delegation and Empowerment, Strategic Management, Coaching and Development

Submit the following documents by **Friday, 13 March 2026:**

- CBB Employment Application Form (Available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two (2) current references (Both must be professional references)
- Copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other personal certificates

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager, Human Resources Department  
Central Bank of Belize  
P.O. Box 852 or Gabourel Lane  
Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Assistant Chief Internal Auditor- Internal Audit Department

Email: [hr@centralbank.org.bz](mailto:hr@centralbank.org.bz) or online at [www.centralbank.org.bz](http://www.centralbank.org.bz)  
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)



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| Notice is hereby given that <b>Tahiri Dominguez</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Li-<br/>quor License</b> to be operated at <b>“D’Pearl<br/>Store”</b> located in Corozal Town, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                       | Notice is hereby given that <b>Ronel C. San-<br/>toya</b> is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b><br>to be operated at <b>“Mafa Shop”</b> located<br>in Chunox Village, Corozal District under<br>the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                                                                             | Notice is hereby given that <b>Ruth Y. Keme</b><br>is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor License</b><br>to be operated at <b>“Coki Michelada”</b><br>located in San Joaquin Village, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                              | Notice is hereby given that <b>YiChang Lin</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Convenience Store Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Timpol Grocery<br/>Store”</b> located on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                 |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Glenda Ma-<br/>gana</b> is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor Li-<br/>cense</b> to be operated at <b>“Glenda’s Store”</b><br>located in Progreso Village, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                | Notice is hereby given that <b>Nelvy C. Mena</b><br>is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor License</b> to<br>be operated at <b>“Mena’s Store”</b> located in<br>Chan Chen Village, Corozal District under<br>the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                                                                             | Notice is hereby given that <b>Macario H.<br/>Nas</b> is applying for a Shop <b>Liquor Li-<br/>cense</b> to be operated at <b>“Rufo’s Store”</b><br>located in Xaibe Village, Corozal District<br>under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                                | Notice is hereby given that <b>Jin Yong Li</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b> to be<br>operated at <b>“Chang Fa Store”</b> located on<br>Park Street North, Corozal Town, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                               |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Jianfu Huang</b><br>is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b> to<br>be operated at <b>“Rio Supermarket”</b> lo-<br>cated on 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, Corozal Town, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                | Notice is hereby given that <b>Edberg Hall</b><br>is applying for a <b>Publican Special Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Papitos Cool<br/>Spot”</b> located in Chan Chen Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition<br>1980.                                                         | Notice is hereby given that <b>Miguel Uk</b><br>is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b><br>to be operated at <b>“Mike’s Supermar-<br/>ket”</b> located in Patchakan Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-<br>tion 1980.                                       | Notice is hereby given that <b>HuiXian Mei</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Convenience Store Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Max’s Chen<br/>Supermarket”</b> located on Altamira Road,<br>Corozal Town, Corozal District under the In-<br>toxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised<br>Edition 1980.                       |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Yan Qin Lin</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Convenience Store Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Summer Hol-<br/>iday Store”</b> located on Santa Rita Road,<br>Corozal Town, Corozal District under the<br>Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980. | Notice is hereby given that <b>Floralalma<br/>Aragon</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor Li-<br/>cense</b> to be operated at <b>“Aragon’s Shop”</b><br>located in Louisville Village, Corozal District<br>under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordi-<br>nance Revised Edition 1980.                                                                 | Notice is hereby given that <b>Ruben J.<br/>Monima</b> is applying for a <b>Malt &amp; Cider<br/>Liquor License</b> to be operated at <b>“El<br/>Rincon De Rey Chanis Y Sianeli Cool<br/>Spot”</b> located in Xaibe Village, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980. | Notice is hereby given that <b>HuanHua Mei</b><br>is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b> to be<br>operated at <b>“Red Lantern Supermarket”</b><br>located on Santa Elena Road, Corozal Town,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                       |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Enrique Caliz</b><br>is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b> to<br>be operated at <b>“Caliz Family Store”</b> lo-<br>cated in Libertad Village, Corozal District<br>under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                | Notice is hereby given that <b>Petronilo Acos-<br/>ta</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor License</b><br>to be operated at <b>“Shelly’s Mini Shop”</b><br>located in San Narciso Village, Corozal Dis-<br>trict under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                                             | Notice is hereby given that <b>Delma<br/>Supal</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Delma’s<br/>Shop”</b> located in Libertad Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-<br>tion 1980.                                            | Notice is hereby given that <b>XiangPei Zhen</b><br>is applying for a <b>Convenience Store Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Corozal Henry’s<br/>Supermarket”</b> located on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street South,<br>Corozal Town, Corozal District under the In-<br>toxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised<br>Edition 1980. |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Mirna Gon-<br/>zales</b> is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Gonz Daily<br/>Shop”</b> located in Buena Vista Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-<br>tion 1980.                       | Notice is hereby given that <b>Martha Y. Tzul</b><br>is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor License</b> to be<br>operated at <b>“Reydamis Shop”</b> located in<br>Copper Bank Village, Corozal District under<br>the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                                                                         | Notice is hereby given that <b>Lauriano<br/>E. Correa</b> is applying for a <b>Malt &amp; Ci-<br/>der Liquor License</b> to be operated at<br><b>“Papi’s Bar”</b> located in Libertad Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-<br>tion 1980.                          | Notice is hereby given that <b>ZiHuan Chen</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Convenience Store Liquor Li-<br/>cense</b> to be operated at <b>“Q &amp; T Supermar-<br/>ket”</b> located on 5th Avenue, Corozal Town,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                            |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Detgron R.<br/>Mossiah</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Hall’s Shop”</b><br>located in San Antonio Village, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                               | Notice is hereby given that <b>Damaris<br/>Berger</b> is applying for a <b>Publican Special<br/>Liquor License</b> to be operated at <b>“Orchid<br/>Winds Restaurant”</b> located in Chunox<br>Village, Corozal District under the Intoxi-<br>cating Liquor License Ordinance Revised<br>Edition 1980.                                                | Notice is hereby given that <b>Wanbi Wu</b><br>is applying for a <b>Convenience Store<br/>Liquor License</b> to be operated at<br><b>“Huan Huan Supermarket”</b> located on<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.   | Notice is hereby given that <b>JianBin Wu</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Convenience Store Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Ban Store &amp; Fast<br/>Food”</b> located on Santa Elena Road, Corozal<br>Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                       |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Vannesa<br/>Sanker</b> is applying for a <b>Publican Spe-<br/>cial Liquor License</b> to be operated at<br><b>“ALG Reggae Sports Bar”</b> located in<br>San Antonio Village, Corozal District<br>under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.        | Notice is hereby given that <b>Higinia Perez</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b> to be<br>operated at <b>“La Bendicion G &amp; A Shop”</b><br>located in San Victor Village, Corozal Dis-<br>trict under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                                           | Notice is hereby given that <b>ShaoJian<br/>Wu</b> is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor Li-<br/>cense</b> to be operated at <b>“Town Mart”</b><br>located on Park Street South, Corozal<br>Town, Corozal District under the In-<br>toxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                               | Notice is hereby given that <b>Andre A. Pitts</b><br>is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b> to be<br>operated at <b>“Brain Freeze Mobile”</b> located on<br>Marine Parade, Belize City, Belize District under<br>the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                                             |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Caferino<br/>A. Caliz</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Caliz Stop<br/>&amp; Shop”</b> located in Libertad Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-<br>tion 1980.                   | Notice is hereby given that <b>Melanie<br/>Johnson &amp; Alan Mccolm</b> are applying<br>for a <b>Malt &amp; Cider Liquor License</b> to<br>be operated at <b>“Mccolm Enterprises<br/>Limited”</b> located in Pueblo Nuevo, Ferry<br>Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District under<br>the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980. | Notice is hereby given that <b>Giabao Lin</b><br>is applying for a <b>Convenience Store<br/>Liquor License</b> to be operated at <b>“Guo<br/>Tai Supermarket”</b> located on 7th Av-<br>enue, Corozal Town, Corozal District<br>under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                  | Notice is hereby given that <b>Andre A. Pitts</b><br>is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor License</b> to be<br>operated at <b>“Brain Freeze Mobile”</b> located on<br>Marine Parade, Belize City, Belize District under<br>the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                                             |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Edwin Ek</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Publican Special Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Edwin’s<br/>Cool Spot”</b> located in San Narciso<br>Village, Corozal District under the<br>Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                    | Notice is hereby given that <b>Rogaciano<br/>Aban</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor Li-<br/>cense</b> to be operated at <b>Shani’s Mini<br/>Shop”</b> located in Concepcion Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-<br>tion 1980.                                                             | Notice is hereby given that <b>Hong Su</b><br>is applying for a <b>Convenience Store<br/>Liquor License</b> to be operated at<br><b>“Corozal Rongs Supermarket”</b> located<br>on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                  | Notice is hereby given that <b>Andre Pitts</b> is ap-<br>plying for a <b>Publican Special Liquor License</b><br>to be operated at <b>“Old River Bar &amp; Grill”</b> lo-<br>cated at # 810 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                    |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Margarita<br/>Gutierrez</b> is applying for a <b>Shop Li-<br/>quor License</b> to be operated at <b>“Gut-<br/>tierrez Groceries”</b> located in Buena<br>Vista Village, Corozal District under the<br>Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.             | Notice is hereby given that <b>Aurelio<br/>Bastarachea</b> is applying for a <b>Restau-<br/>rant Liquor License</b> to be operated at<br><b>“Flame &amp; Ice Restaurant Belize”</b><br>located in Patchakan Village, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor Li-<br>cense Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                   | Notice is hereby given that <b>Falong<br/>Rong</b> is applying for a <b>Malt &amp; Cider<br/>Liquor License</b> to be operated at <b>“Tai<br/>San Store”</b> located on Park Street<br>South, Corozal Town, Corozal District<br>under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                  | Notice is hereby given that <b>Andre Pitts</b> is ap-<br>plying for a <b>Publican Special Liquor License</b><br>to be operated at <b>“Old River Bar &amp; Grill”</b> lo-<br>cated at # 810 Regent Street, Belize City, Belize<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor License<br>Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                    |
| Notice is hereby given that <b>Nelson J.<br/>Garcia</b> is applying for a <b>Beer Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Nelsy &amp; Es-<br/>meralda”</b> located in Sarteneja Village,<br>Corozal District under the Intoxicating<br>Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edi-<br>tion 1980.                 | Notice is hereby given that <b>Dayana I.<br/>Tayun</b> is applying for a <b>Shop Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“The Jucy’s<br/>Corner Shop 28”</b> located in San An-<br>dres Village, Corozal District under the<br>Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance<br>Revised Edition 1980.                                                     | Notice is hereby given that <b>Shaobin<br/>Wu</b> is applying for a <b>Restaurant Liquor<br/>License</b> to be operated at <b>“Yummy<br/>House Corozal Restaurant”</b> located<br>on 7th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal<br>District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.               | Notice is hereby given that <b>JinHui Wu</b> is<br>applying for a <b>Restaurant Liquor License</b> to<br>be operated at <b>“Lucky Dragon Restaurant”</b><br>located at # 1824 Bahia Puesta, Caye Caulker,<br>Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor<br>License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.                                 |



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